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SUBJECT: EVENING REPORT

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF EVENING REPORT FOR MONDAY, MARCH 28.

1. AIR CRASH: EMBASSY MADRID HAS A TEAM OF EIGHT MILITARY, DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR OFFICERS IN TENNERIFE AND A TEAM OF FOUR IN LAS PALMAS TO ESTABLISH THE CONDITION OF THE INJURED, AND TO COORDINATE DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS WITH SPANISH, DUTCH AND AMERICAN AUTHORITIES. LATEST REPORTS SHOW BETWEEN 59 AND 72 SURVIVORS, OVER 560 DEAD.

A USAF C-130 EQUIPPED FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION HAS LANDED IN LAS PALMAS, AND A TEAM OF BURN EXPERTS FROM IT WAS FLOWN BY PRIVATE PLANE TO TENNERIFE. THE TEAM IS EVALUATING THE CONDITION OF THE SURVIVORS AND ARRANGING
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EVACUATION WHERE NECESSARY. A USAF C-141 EQUIPPED FOR LONG DISTANCE EVACUATION WILL BE FLOWN INTO LAS PALMAS IF NEEDED TO EVACUATE SOME CASES TO THE U.S. IF EVACUATION IS NECESSARY, THE C-130 SHOULD BE ABLE TO GO INTO TENNERFIE AIRPORT TOMORROW MORNING.

2. GERMAN-BRAZIL NUCLEAR AGREEMENT: THIS AFTERNOON AMBASSA-

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DOR VON STADEN DELIVERED FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER'S RESPONSE TO THE CONCERNS I RAISED ON FRIDAY OVER REPORTS THAT THE GERMANS MIGHT BE CONTEMPLATING ISSUANCE OF EXPORT LICENSES IN THE NEAR FUTURE. GENSCHER'S REPLY COVERED THREE POINTS: (1) NO LICENSES WILL BE ISSUED BEFORE SECRETARY VANCE VISITS BONN; (2) HE WISHES TO CONTINUE AND DEEPEN THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS HE INITIATED WITH THE SECRETARY IN WASHINGTON; AND, (3) THAT WE WILL BE INFORMED IN ADVANCE OF ALL STEPS GERMANY TAKES UNDER ITS AGREEMENT WITH BRAZIL. WHEN I SAID THAT GENSCHER'S FIRST POINT WAS LESS THAN REASSURING ON ITS FACE, VON STADEN SAID HE HAD QUERIED BONN ON THIS WHEN HE RECEIVED HIS INSTRUCTIONS AND WAS ASSURED THAT THE FIRST POINT WAS TO BE UNDERSTOOD IN THE LIGHT OF THE OTHER TWO. IN SHORT, HE SAID I SHOULD NOT BE "CONCERNED".

3. NUCLEAR POLICY CONSULTATIONS: WE HAVE BEGUN THE PROCESS OF SEEKING COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM KEY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS ON THE DECISIONS YOU WILL ANNOUNCE IN YOUR NUCLEAR POLICY STATEMENT. INITIAL REACTIONS INDICATE THAT OTHER GOVERNMENTS ARE TAKING THIS CONSULTATIVE PROCESS VERY SERIOUSLY. WE EXPECT TO HAVE COMMENTS FROM MOST OF THEM BY APRIL 1.

4. TALKS WITH THE CUBANS: OUR DELEGATION MET WITH THE CUBANS IN NEW YORK TODAY FOR FOUR HOURS AND THEY PLAN TO CONVENE AGAIN THIS EVENING. THE ATMOSPHERE CONTINUED TO BE FRIENDLY AND BUSINESSLIKE.
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